

## **Maria Brain Vaughan Austin**

### **1850-1950 Centennial Biography**

Maria Brain Vaughan was born in Lehi, Utah, January 19, 1865. She graduated from the District School when fourteen years old. Mariah was a member of the ward choir.

At the age of twenty-four, she was married to Mark Austin in the Logan Temple. Mrs. Austin is the mother of seven children, twenty-one grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren all active in the church.

Making a trip to England in 1898, she came home with her husband who was there on a mission.

She moved to Colorado, where her husband was working for the Great Western Sugar Company, and lived there two years. With their six children they moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where they lived for six months until the sugar factory was finished. Next the family moved to Lincoln where the factory was located. The following May, they moved once more, this time to Sugar City, Idaho, where another sugar factory was in the course of construction. They resided there for six years.

Mrs. Austin worked in all of the organizations of the Church, taking parts in home dramatics and in all of the little entertainments. It was a very cold place. She had a team of horses to drive and was very efficient with them. Later she had a car to drive and continued to drive until she was eighty years old.

They next moved to Rexburg, Idaho, where they lived for eleven years. Again, they moved to Salt Lake City, residing in the Winder Ward. She was an active worker in the Church organizations there and was a charter member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Finally they moved to Lincoln ward, Sugar House. Mrs. Austin worked three and one-half years in the Temple and was active in the ward and in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. At this writing, she is eighty five years old and still very active and busy.